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Comments on SB 437-438

May 3, 2016

To: Chairman Nofs, Vice Chairman Proos and members of the Senate Energy and Technology Committee

RE: Senate Bills 437 and 438

Dear Senators,

On behalf of the Michigan Climate Action Network, comprised of 24 organizations and hundreds of individuals in Michigan, we are writing to oppose Senate Bills 437 and 438 because they will increase dangerous pollution, raise energy costs, and set us back as other states and countries advance in the growing clean energy economy.

We are particularly opposed to the rollback of our existing renewables and efficiency standards and the abandoning of net metering. Instead of this approach, we encourage you to act immediately and pass strong clean energy legislation that will boost our state's shift to clean energy.

The Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act of 2008 (PA 295) has been good for our state. All major utility companies have met the 10% renewables and 1% per year efficiency targets, and it has helped create 100,000 clean energy jobs in Michigan. Investing in clean energy also has given us cleaner air and water, reduced pollution contributing to climate change and kept energy prices low.

Now that this standard has plateaued, I urge you to act quickly and increase this standard so that our state does not get left behind in the global shift to clean energy. Governor Snyder said we could meet 40 percent of our energy needs through renewables and efficiency by 2025 without impacting our rates.

We, the below signers, ask that you improve SB 437 and 438 in the following ways, and only support energy legislation that:

- Increases Michigan's renewable energy standard to at least 30% by 2030 and increases our efficiency standard to 2% annually;
- Ensures that customers are able to produce their own energy and sell it at full price;
- Enables everyone to participate in community solar projects; and
- Does not weaken the definition of clean/renewable energy.

Sincerely,

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